

**AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows.

Please replace paragraph [33] with the following:

-- As shown in Figure 2, satellite communication system 200 includes a hub 201 (or gateway station) that communicates with STs 203 and 205 (or packet data modules (PDMs)) through satellite 207 over channels 209 and 211. For the purposes of explanation, a convention is adopted whereby the communication path 213 from hub ~~213~~ 201 to the satellite 207 down to an ST, which in this example is ST 203, is denoted as the downlink. Conversely, a communication path 215 from ST 205 up to the satellite 207 and down to the hub 201 is referred to as the uplink 209.--